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CONGESTION OF AIR TRAFFIC AT METRO AIRPORTS AND PASSENGER AMENITIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to steep rise in air traffic there is a congestion of air traffic in all metro airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to lack of infrastructure facilities in the airports, amenities provided to the passengers are also inadequate;

(d) if so, the details of guidelines and proceedures followed for permitting new airlines operators to the metro airports; and

(e) if so, the measures taken by the Government to relieve congestion of air traffic and improve the passengers amenities ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) & (c) Due to steep increase in air traffic certain infrastructural constraints have been faced, specially at Mumbai and Delhi airports. Government have restructured these airports, through joint ventur route, to modernise and expand them to world class standards. Other metro airports at Chennai and Kolkata have been taken up for modernisation by the Airports Authority of India, whereas new Greenfield airports have been set up at Bangalore and Hyderabad.

(d): In accordance with the international practice, the time slots for the operation of all flights are proposed by the airlines themselves on the basis of commercial inputs and operational feasibility. These slots are approved after obtaining clearance from the airport operators and ANS service who provider examine the feasibility to handle the flights at that time. Endeavour is made to spread the flights to non peak hours.

(e): With the construction of new runway 11/29 and upgradation of ANS infrastructure such as new navigational equipments viz. DVOR, DME & CAT-IIIB ILS provided for third runway 11/29 at Delhi airport, the situation is expected to improve substantially. Further, augumentation of Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (ASMGCS) is in progress, which provides surveillance coverage of all vehicles & aircrafts on ground in the movement areas of the airport even during poor visibility. With the help of ASMGCS coupled with ILS, congestion of air traffic over the airfield particularly during low visibility can be reduced. Provision for ASMGCS is also made at Mumbai airport.